



2023 – 2024 NSW SABRE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 25th November to Sunday 26th November 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: Taree Aquatic Club on behalf of Sabre Sailing Association of NSW (SSANSW)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.2 The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation [NP] means that the rule is not subject to protest by a competitor.
- 1.4 [NP] A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance to right a capsized vessel to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

2. Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 – Advertising).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of NSW or Australia.
- 2.3 Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's names(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Sabre Class boats that comply with the class rules of measurement and construction of the SSAA and whose helms are current financial members of a State Sabre Association.
- 3.2 Helms shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing an on-line entry by 1600 on Thursday, 23rd November 2023. Late entries may be made up to 1100 on Saturday 25th November, 2023 at the Taree Aquatic Club.
- 3.4 On-line entry system link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJZX>

Please note that the on-line entry system does not allow for youth entries. To enter the championship as a youth please contact Geoff Comfort using the details in paragraph 15.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Entry fees are as follows: Adults (18 and over as at 23rd November 2023) - \$60.00
Youth (under 18 as at 23rd November 2023): \$40.00
- 4.2 Entries lodged after 1600 on Thursday, 23rd November may be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$20.00

5. Schedule of events

- 5.1 A Competitors' Briefing will be held at the main entrance to the sailing shed, on Saturday, 25th November 2023 at 1200 hrs.
- 5.2 Racing will be conducted as follows:

Day	Date	Sessions	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday	25 th November	Session 1	Not before 1300 hours
Sunday	26 th November	Session 2	Not before 1000 hours

- 5.3 Seven races are scheduled.
- 5.4 The number of races sailed on any day will be at the discretion of the Race Committee to enable the series to conclude on Sunday, 26th November 2023. A maximum of four races will be conducted per racing session with the intention to sail up to and no more than seven races.
- 5.5 When more than one race is conducted in a session, the warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race, but not

less than 5 minutes after the last boat has finished. To alert boats that a race sequence will soon begin, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.6 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6. Measurement [DP]

6.1 Each boat is required to hold a measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and, except in circumstances prescribed by 6.4, shall use a maximum of two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.

6.2 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day.

7. Sailing Instructions - The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Sabre Sailing Association website - <https://www.sabre.org.au/states/nsw-act/> no later than 1700 on 24 November 2023. Entrants will be advised when the Sailing Instructions are available.

8. Venue - Regatta headquarters will be at the Taree Aquatic Club, 1 Macquarie St, Taree NSW 2430. For Racing Area see Attachment A.

9. The Courses The courses will consist of triangular and windward/leeward laps as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 Scoring for the determination of results within a prize category shall be determined from the results of the overall fleet.

11. Radio Communication - A boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories.

Open 1st to 3rd including a Perpetual Trophy

Handicap 1st to 3rd

Ladies 1st

Youth 1st

- 13. Disclaimer of Liability** All those participating in the 2023 -2024 NSW Sabre Championship regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. ATTENTION is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race. Taree Aquatic Club, the Sabre Sailing Association of NSW, their executives, boards, employees, volunteers, sponsors and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.
- 14. Insurance** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. The policy number will be required on the entry form.
- 15. For further Information**, please contact;

Geoff Comfort, SSANSW vice president, geoff@geoffcomfort.com 0411 268 146

or Troy Lewis, TAC representative, troyalewis@msn.com 0497 825 058
- 16. Boat and trailer storage** - Boats and trailers left at the club and surrounding area at the owner's risk.

Attachment A – Course Areas



General information – not part of Notice of Race

This is an opportunity to sail on the mighty Manning River at Taree. Taree is located about 30 kilometres from the coast and can have variable wind conditions from strong sea breezes to shifty light land rotations and is moderately tidal. In most conditions the racing area can be viewed from the comfort of the club or river bank. Some wind conditions require an alternate sailing area to be used that is not easily viewed by the public. Grassed rigging and concrete launching areas are adjacent to the club with plenty of space for all. Boats will be able to be stored within the sailing club. As for trailer storage unfortunately due to the rigging area being in a public park, secure trailer storage is unavailable.

Motels are within a short walking distance to clubs, restaurants, cafes, and retail outlets.

Caravilla Motel - 02 65521822

Midlands Motel - 02 65522877

In Town Motel - 02 65523966

Taree Aquatic Club restaurant 02 65521435 serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner - bookings essential.

Catering is not an option for the sailing shed as it is attached to a licensed venue. There will be light refreshments and snacks (vending machine style) available from the sailing shed. Have lunch upstairs or BYO food and snacks.

For further information about the club and the local area, please visit <https://barringtoncoast.com.au/> and <https://sailos.com.au/> or contact Warren on 0409 1800 67 or Troy on 0497 845 058.

Good racing will be guaranteed anywhere in the fleet!